

Norfolk 19 June 1796

My Dear Marcy

Contrary winds and bad weather is the cause of my being obliged
To put in here and grasp the first opportunity of communicating to you that
I am still in the same country I am the same ground will make you happy has and will
ever be my upper most thought the _____ sails beyond my most sanguine expectation
and I go out under the protection of our fine Frigate the Constellation-
In these circumstances to you as they tend to almost insure my safe return to
You-to you-you alone occupy my every Thought Heaven protect you if [?]

Miss Marcia Gray

Chatsworth

Baltimore

Sincerely is in favor with the [?_]
and the great my prayer will be heard
I am just going to dine with
Susan – are you not in the dumps of it
She too carries this letter to you – what
do you think of that? I will answer
for you – why nothing you may dine with
her & with all her attractions I know you
are mine” – I have dined and drank
tea with her – coquetted with and flattered
her and more than all toasted you to her
Very fair in [?_] but this is nonsense!
She put to tea tomorrow morning and
I hope to see you at fathers – in three months
I send this undercover to Biddy-pray see her
as often as you can –[?_] and once
mine I pray to Heaven to protect you -give

my love (my compliments for you have
all my love) to Polly and Bett and when
Nat Moore comes home remember me to
Him – Yours alone for ever

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